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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, HU
SUBJECT: WORLD WAR I DEBT AND JOHNSON ACT

REF:((STATE 11670

1. EMBASSY DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE REFTEL AND HAS SENT FORWARD TO HUNGARIAN FONOFF ON JANUARY 19 NOTE NO. 23 INCORPORATING TEXT PARA 3 REFTEL (COPY POUCHED EUR/EE - GERTH, REGISTRY NO. 1514041).

2. AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS KEENLY AWARE THAT USG CAN ACCEPT NOTHING LESS THAN FULL REPEAT FULL PAYMENT OF HUNGARY'S WORLD WAR I DEBT. WE HAVE SAID PRECISELY THAT TO HUNGARIANS IN THE PAST; WE SHALL AT EVERY LEVEL HEW TO THAT PRECISE POLICY LINE IN FUTURE. WE HAVE LEFT AND SHALL LEAVE HUNGARIANS NO REASON FOR DOUBT, AND NO GROUNDS ON WHICH TO BUILD FALSE EXPECTATIONS. LANGUAGE IN DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT NOTE (PARA 3, REFTEL) EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL DOUBTLESS HAVE NOTED WARNER AND SWASEY COMPANY FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT "NO WONDER WE'RE BROKE" WHICH APPEARED AT PAGE ONE (JUST UNDER FRONT COVER) FORBES MAGAZINE, DECEMBER 1, 1975. THIS
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TO AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, WHICH SHOWS THAT HUNGARY RECEIVED 32.7 MILLION DOLLARS BETWEEN 1946 AND 1974 HAS NOT ESCAPED ATTENTION OF AT LEAST ONE LYNX-EYED OBSERVER INBUDAPEST. EMBASSY RECORDS WHICH ARE NECESSARILY INCOMPLETE AND FRAGMENTARY PROVIDE NO SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION OF THIS FIGURE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE STATISTICAL BREAK-OUT OF $32.7 MILLION FIGURE, FOR POSSIBLE USE ON IF-ASKED BASIS, IF GOH RAISES THIS QUESTION OFFICIALLY.
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